

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

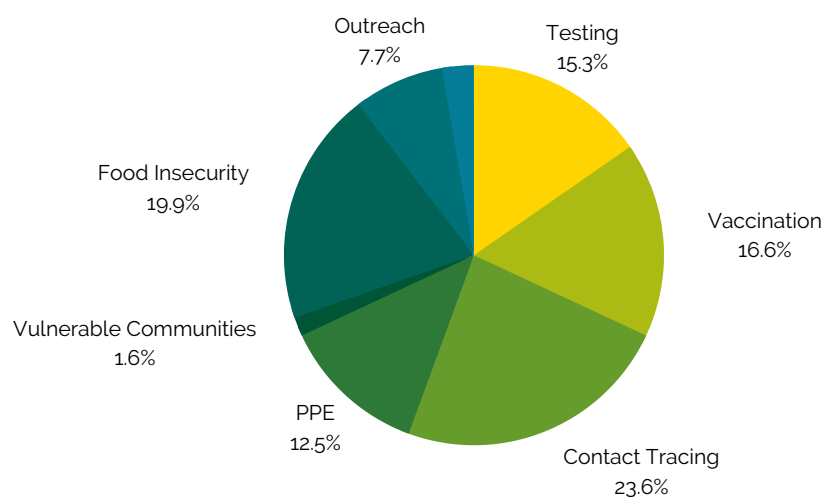
Health Department to receive \$80 million to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency

The COVID-19 public health emergency has resulted in disproportionate impacts on people of color and historically marginalized communities. Racial disparities are evident in the percent of COVID-19 cases and the percent of COVID-19 deaths in Baltimore City. African Americans make up the largest percentage of COVID-19 cases and deaths in Baltimore City at 59% and 71%, respectively.

As the central agency in the COVID-19 response, the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) will receive an investment totaling \$80 million over four years, to continue its robust response efforts and support our most vulnerable communities. This ARPA investment will provide:

- at-home, laboratory, and rapid COVID-19 tests and dedicated testing staff,
- telehealth infrastructure for Baltimore City health care clinics,
- 120 contact tracers and supervisors,
- social work staff to protect our seniors from violence and abuse,
- acquisition, management, and storage of personal protective equipment,
- at home delivery, grab and go meals, and grocery boxes,
- and a new Immunization Office to coordinate a mobile vaccination team of 24 staff to reach all areas of the City, including vulnerable and hesitant communities.

Budget Snapshot:



SUMMARY:

- BCHD will receive \$80 million over 4 years.
- This ARPA investment will support BCHD's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- This investment will address vaccination hesitancy, increased testing and PPE needs, and food insecurity by providing food to vulnerable populations.

For more information about the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs and for updates on ARPA Funding, please visit arp.baltimorecity.gov